

How much wine, matzah, and marror does one have to eat on Leil Haseder

The halachah is that one has to eat a *kezayis* of matzah, and *maror*, and drink 4 cups that hold a *revi'is* of wine.

As is well known, there are various opinions as to the size of a *kezayis/revi'is*. *Lechatchilah*, one should follow the more stringent opinion – in particular regarding the mitzvah of matzah which is *min hatorah*, but if there is a need one may rely on the lenient opinion.

4 Cups

Lechatchilah the cup should contain 150 cc; if there is a need 86cc or even 75cc.

One should *lechatchilah* drink the entire cup but if there is a need it is sufficient to drink the majority of the cup or where necessary just *meloh lugmav* (approx. 40cc).

One should *lechatchilah* drink the cup at one time, but if there is a need one may drink the cups in smaller gulps as long as one drinks the required amount within 4 minutes.

Matzah

The actual amount of matzah depends on how thick the matzos are. The following is based on the Gra matzos which are quite thick.

Hand Matzah: A 1/3 of a matzah is sufficient *lechumra*. Alternately the size of one's hand with the fingers can be used for this measurement. If there is a need, it is sufficient a 1/6 of a matzah. The size of the palm of his hand is sufficient for this shiur. In times of great need one can use matzoh the size of a credit card.

Machine Matzah: *Lechatchilah* $\frac{3}{4}$ of matzah. If there is a need, half of that.

Motzi/Matzah: *Lechatchilah* it is correct to eat a *kezayis* from the top matzah and a *kezayis* from the middle matzah. It is not necessary to eat two large size *kezayis*; rather it is sufficient to eat just one large size *kezayis* made up of the two matzos.

One who has a hard time to eat matzah can have 1/6 of a matzah.

One should *lechatchilah* eat it within two minutes, but if there is a need within 4 minutes.

Koreich: One small size *kezayis* of matzah and one *kezayis* of maror is sufficient.

One should *lechatchilah* eat it within two minutes, but if there is a need within 4 minutes.

Afikoman: According to the basic halachah, it is sufficient to eat one *kezayis*. *Lechatchilah* one should eat two *kezeisim*. However one large *kezayis* is sufficient.

One should *lechatchilah* eat it within two minutes, but if there is a need within 4 minutes.

Please note: One who is extra sensitive should just eat one-time 1/6 for a matzah to fulfill the *chiyuv de'oraisah*. [If that too is impossible, there is room to use just the size of 4 fingers next to one another; one should ask a shailah.]

Maror

One large size leaf of lettuce is a *kezayis*, or 1.5 medium size leaves.

One should *lechatchilah* eat it within two minutes, but if there is a need within 4 minutes.